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SUBJECT: IV BIO-DATA AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

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1. BIODATA: KENSO MATSUNO - BORN APRIL 5, 1936 AT OHGAKI-CHO, SAEKI-GUN, HIROSHIMA-KEN; CHIEF OF FIRST BRANCH (MAJOR INDUSTRIES UNIONS), TRADE UNION DIVISION, LABOR POLICY BUREAU, MINISTRY OF LABOR; PAST: FEB. 1956 EMPLOYEE OF LABOR STATISTICS AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF LABOR; SINCE APR. 1961 PRESENT DIVISION; ADDRESS: C/O RA-202 RODOSHO KANSHA, 1542, KAMI ISHIHARA, CHOFU-SHI, TOKYO; EDUCATION: GRADUATED FROM CHUO UNIVERSITY (LAW DEPT) IN MARCH 1959; MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN (10 AND 7); TRAVEL ABROAD; NONE. MR. MATSUNO HAS SERVED AS A PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIST IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR'S TRADE UNION DIVISION SINCE 1961 AND IS LIKELY TO SPEND MUCH OF THE REST OF HIS CAREER IN THAT AREA. UNTIL HIS RECENT PROMOTION, MR. MATSUNO'S DUTIES PUT HIM IN DAILY CONTACT WITH THE KEY OFFICERS OF THE UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH SOHYO, JAPAN'S MAINLY PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR FEDERATION. HE NOW HAS PRIMARY LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL LARGE PRIVATE SECTOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FEDERATIONAL AFFILIATIONS. IN THIS KEY POSITION MR. MATSUNO ACTS AS A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO THE MOST IMPORTANT UNIONS IN JAPAN ON A
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VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S. URBAN FIELD. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO SPECIFIC AREA OF LABOR RELATIONS IN THE U.S. ON WHICH MR. MATSUNO WANTS TO FOCUS HIS VISIT. RATHER, IN WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE HIS ONLY EXTENDED TRIP TO THE U.S., HE WOULD LIKE TO GET AS MUCH EXPOSURE TO THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF LABOR RELATIONS AND LABOR UNION ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. -- SOCIAL, POLITICAL,

INTERNATIONAL, GOVERNMENTAL -- AS IS POSSIBLE DURING HIS VISIT. SO AS TO IMPROVE HIS ABILITY TO INTERPRET U.S. LABOR DEVELOPMENTS TO A WIDE JAPANESE LABOR AUDIENCE.

2. MR. MATSUNO IS PLANNING TO LEAVE JAPAN ON MAY 28 FOR HONOLULU VIA PA 830 AND TO STAY OVERTNIGHT. HE WILL LEAVE HONOLULU FOR CHICAGO ON MAY 30 AND WILL CHANGE TO UA 322 ARRIVING WASHINGTON, D.C. (DCA) AT 10:29 ON SAME DAY. HE PLANS RETURN TO JAPAN THROUGH EUROPE. HE WILL LEAVE U.S. FOR LONDON FROM SEATTLE ON PAN AM FLIGHT 124 ON JUNE 29 DEPARTING AT 6 P.M.

3. SPECIFIC PROGRAM REQUESTS:

A. WASHINGTON, D.C.; VISITS TO DEPT OF LABOR WHERE, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROBLEMS WITH DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY HOWARD SAMUEL AND ILAB OFFICERS, HE WOULD LIKE TO PAY BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY BROWN. IN DOL WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL ON AND BE BRIEFED BY OFFICERS IN LABOR-MANAGEMENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (EMBASSY SUGGESTS JULIUS BALOG, CHIEF OF DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SERVICES.) VISIT FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE AND NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR OVERVIEW BRIEFINGS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES. VISIT CAPITOL HILL TO MEET WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR AND/OR SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE FOR BRIEFING ON FORMULATION OF LABOR-RELATED LEGISLATION. AT DEPT OF STATE MEET WITH EA/RA HARRIS AND EA/J ECTON PLUS UNCLASSIFIED

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EB/OT/STA SPIRO FOR DISCUSSION OF IMPORT PROBLEMS, E.G. COLOR TV'S. CALLS AT AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND US LABOR MOVEMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LEE AND WITH STAFF MEMBERS ELLENBERGER AND ANDERSON WHOM MR. MATSUNO MET IN TOKYO IN JANUARY. WOULD ALSO LIKE MEETING WITH AAFLE EXECUTIVE DIR. PALADINO AND VISIT TO AFL-CIO EDUCATION CENTER. MR. MATSUNO WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE CALLS AT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS OF MAJOR UNIONS, SUCH AS POSTAL WORKERS, IAM, NEA, IUE AND WASHINGTON OFFICE OF UAW AND WSWA. MATSUNO IS LONGTIME COLLEAGUE OF JAPANESE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE WAKABAYASHI WHO MIGHT WANT TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON SOME OF ABOVE VISITS.

B. NEW YORK: WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF AFSCME (GOTTBAUM AND RIFKIN, IF AVAILABLE) AND AFT (DR. KOLODNY) TO DISCUSS SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF LARGE PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT ILGWU AND MEET WITH VICE PRES. HENOKH

MENDELSUND TO DISCUSS CURRENT US LABOR VIEWS OF JAPAN.
WOULD LIKE BRIEFING AT AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSN AND, TIME
PERMITTING, TOUR OF UN AND VISIT TO JAPAN SOCIETY.

C. PITTSBURGH: WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL TO PITTSBURGH VIA
ONE-DAY STOPOVER AT NIAGARA FALLS. WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
USWA HEADQUARTERS AND MEET NEW EXECUTIVES, IF POSSIBLE.
WOULD LIKE BRIEFING ON EXPERIMENTAL NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT
AND OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IMPORTS OF SPECIAL STEEL FROM
JAPAN. WOULD ALSO LIKE PLANT VISIT.

D. DETROIT: WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON UAW OFFICIALS AT
HEADQUARTERS FOR GENERAL BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION OF IMPACT
OF FOREIGN CAR SALES ON DETROIT PRODUCTION. WOULD ALSO
LIKE PLANT TOUR.

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E. LAS VEGAS AND GRAND CANYON; STAY OVERNIGHT AT EACH
PLACE.

F. LOS ANGELES: WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON AFL-CIO DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS AND ON CALIFORNIA STATE LABOR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET ONE OR MORE PROFESSORS
OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OR LABOR ECONOMICS AT UCLA.
FORMER AMBASSADOR HODGSON MAY WISH TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING
APPOINTMENTS AND MAY WANT TO MEET WITH HIM.

G. SAN FRANCISCO: WOULD LIKE TO VISIT DOL REGION IX
HQ FOR BRIEFING ON OPERATION OF REGIONAL OFFICE. VISIT
TO AFL-CIO CALIFORNIA LABOR FEDERATION FOR GENERAL
BRIEFING.

H. SEATTLE: MR. MATSUNO WOULD LIKE TO SPEND ONE DAY IN
SEATTLE BEFORE LEAVING ON JUNE 29. SUGGEST TOUR OF
PORT FACILITIES.

I. MR. MATSUNO WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY FOR HOME VISITS
AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO PLAY GOLF AT SOME POINT IN HIS
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